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## **Payment of Hiring Incentives**

To: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools

From: Dr. James P. Hall, Chief Operating Officer

Date: July 28, 2020

Last summer, with the help of many other departments, Human Resources drafted a grant application for the Teacher Diversification Pilot Program. The School Department was granted \$10,000.00 to use for hiring incentives for new teachers who identify as diverse. With the hiring freeze, we have not been able to finalize many hires of new teachers who identify as diverse, but we have to notify the state of our intent to pay out the funds to diverse applicants. We also need approval of the School Committee for the one-time payment of these funds to new employees.